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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 5756.1

Subj: Honorary Coast Guard Aviators

1. **PURPOSE**. This instruction establishes procedures for the nomination and designation of Honorary Coast Guard Aviators and assigns responsibility for maintaining the official list of honorees.
2. **DIRECTIVE AFFECTED**. Commandant Instruction M5728.2B will be revised to include the contents of this instruction.
3. **BACKGROUND**. The practice of officially designating Honorary Naval Aviators began in October 1949. Since 1991 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary year of Coast Guard aviation, this offers an ideal opportunity to establish a similar program for the Coast Guard.
4. **DISCUSSION**. Designation as an Honorary Coast Guard Aviator shall not be conferred lightly. The following selection criteria apply:
 - a. Nominees may be either military or civilian.
 - b. Nominees need not be qualified pilots.
 - c. Nominees must have made an extraordinary contribution to Coast Guard aviation which served to enhance the missions and/or traditions of Coast Guard aviation. Such contributions may include one or more of the following:
 - (1) A specific act of an historic or heroic nature.
 - (2) A contribution to the human aspects of Coast Guard aviation such as training or aerospace medicine.

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- (3) A technical achievement or breakthrough in design, engineering, or maintenance of aircraft and/or associated systems.
- (4) Media support of Coast Guard aviation in publications, art, or audiovisual presentations.
- (5) Public and/or official promotion or support of Coast Guard aviation.

5. **PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATING.**

- a. Nominations may be submitted with supporting documentation to the Chief, Aviation Division when a candidate meets the appropriate criteria. Documentation should include a biography of the individual including photographs and other supporting information as appropriate.
- b. Nominations will be reviewed by the Chief, Office of Law Enforcement and Defense Operations and submitted to the Commandant with recommendations concerning approval.
- c. Upon approval by the Commandant, the designation will be presented to the recipient at an appropriate ceremony. This ceremony will be coordinated with the Aviation Division which will provide a certificate and letter of designation. The name of the recipient will be entered on the official list of Honorary Coast Guard Aviators.
- d. The official list of Honorary Coast Guard Aviators will be updated as new names are added. The list will be maintained in the archives of the Coast Guard Historian in Headquarters.

6. **ACTION.** Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, Commander, Coast Guard Activities, Europe, and unit commanding officers shall ensure wide dissemination of this instruction.

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